

08 The Deputy's Spotlight

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Who am I at a glance?

My name is Deputy Noel Sevilla but I want all my students and faculty to call me "Deputy Noel." I've been with Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office since 2018 and the WBMS school resource officer since the 2018-19 school year.

My law enforcement career started in 1993. Before moving to Santa Rosa County in 2018, I retired as a sergeant from a police agency in the mid-Atlantic region.

I'm able to build a great rapport with the students because I've coached for 15 years in several sports including baseball, softball, basketball, soccer and martial arts. Coaches are mentors and it's important to me to make those kind of connections with my students. In my free time, I still coach with the Miracle League, umpire baseball and referee basketball.

"Making Connections & Building Relationships"



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INTERNET SAFETY (PART 2)

I would estimate that 9/10 issues we experience in our school on a daily basis involves the use of internet and/or social media. Students have the world at their fingertips, but they are too young and naïve to be responsible to have access to all that information. We know there are predators out there, Have an open line of honest communication your children.

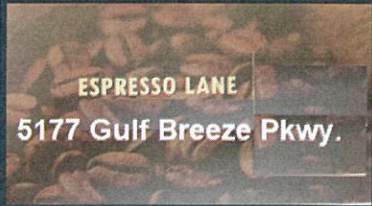
If they are new to the internet, this is a great time to have that conversation with them. Set guidelines and restrictions on internet use. Most internet providers have parental controls, make good use of them. Be familiar with what sites or apps they are using and make restrictions appropriately.

Discuss what information, topics and pictures you are allowed to share and whom they share that information.

Tell them that a "friend" on the internet is not the same friend they make at school or at home. You don't know who is at the other end of the phone. Explain to them, these people are strangers and to ask permission from you. Explain to them it's similar to meeting stranger as the store or parking lot, this is the time to use caution. If these people as asking for something that is inappropriate, ask them to tell you immediately.

Explain what is sexting and what is appropriate conversations to have in text messages and private messages. Lastly, explain what cyberbullying is, they can be the victim or the suspect. If this occurs immediate share this information because you have the power to prevent this from occurring. I hope these tips help you and your family.

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This past month, the important topic about drugs has hit our community. Woodlawn Beach Middle School and the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office have received several phone calls about illicit drugs and parents asking, "What are you going to do about this?"

As a parent, make your rules and values clear. Don't make vague statements because they can be misinterpreted. Tell them drugs and alcohol are very dangerous at their young age. As I said before, have an open line of communication. Don't sound judgmental or lecture them but start a dialog with a question. "Do you have any questions about drugs?" or "What do you know about the effects of alcohol on a person?"

The school and the police will do their part. But talking to students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol starts early and in the home. Have an open line of communication with the student. Make sure they know they can talk to you. Here are a few tips if you haven't already addressed this with them.

Depending on the age of the student, they may have already experimented. If that's the case, inquire why they felt the need to take it. Is this because of stress at school? Is it because of

peer pressure? It may mean your student is struggling and they need your help. Be open and honest and let them know you want to keep them safe. Make sure to clarify the differences between experimentation and addiction.

Lastly, be mindful of family history of substance abuse disorders. Vulnerability to substance use is often genetic. Be mindful of what is happening in the home. Home exposure in the home is often a huge risk factor.

"Teen and Drugs: 5 Tips for taking with your kids". Harvard Health Publishing

This Month's Q&A Tips from Deputy Noel

Q: I know a person who is selling drugs but it's not happening during school. What should I do?

A: Great question!! We actually get a lot of tips that are not school related or don't occur in school. You can still use the P3 tip line and provide your tip. If you send it to me I will make sure the appropriate people get the information you provide.





USPCA EVENT

Patrol and Detector Trials

Certification/Competition

Demo Night March 17, 2022

6:00 PM Navarre High School Stadium

Join The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office as we host the 2022
USCPA Region 1 Field Trial

Public Demo Night at Navarre High School

Come see up-close as we showcase our local K9 teams
demonstrating their daily duties with intensity and extreme focus.

SWAT Demo

Static Display

K9 Demo

Bicycle w/helmet give-away (x2)

K9 Meet & Greet w/picture give-away (x10)